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The Honorable Delores G. Kelley, Chair Senate Finance Committee 3 East Miller Senate Office Building 11 Bladen Street Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Letter of Support for Senate Bill 26 Partnership for Workforce Quality Program – Alterations

Dear Senator Kelley:

I am pleased to provide this letter of support for Senate Bill 26 Partnership for Workforce Quality Program – Alterations. Senate Bill 26 updates the status governing the Partnership for Workforce Quality Program, which provides matching grants to employers for workforce training. Specifically, the bill will allow training for new employees as well as incumbent employees and establishes limits for certain employers. While our company is headquartered in Delaware, our largest and fastest growing facility is in Federalsburg, Maryland.

This program is a vital tool for businesses in the State of Maryland—and the Marylanders they employ—in creating a well-trained workforce. With this alteration allowing funds to be used for training new hires, the program will encourage employers to hire workers who otherwise would not be given the opportunity to advance their job-related skills. This change will improve business competitiveness and worker productivity.

For these reasons, I support and respectfully urge the Senate Finance Committee to act favorably upon SB 26.

Sincerely,

Emad Mohamed
Executive Vice President

cc: Senator Adelaide C. Eckardt, Maryland District 37B Delegate Christopher T. Adams, Maryland District 37B

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